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SUBJ: PROBABLE POSTPONEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING FROM JANUARY 26 TO JANUARY 28

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1. LATEST THINKING IN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL  
(WFC) SECRETARIAT IS  
THAT LITTLE POINT  
WOULD BE SERVED IN TRYING TO HAVE PRELIMINARY WORK DONE BY LEGAL  
EXPERTS WHILE MARKING TIME UNTIL OPEC COUNTRIES ARE READY,  
AND THAT MEETING OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES PROBABLY  
SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY 28.

2. WFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HANNAH ON JANUARY 12 CONFIRMED  
THAT HE WAS PURSUING IDEA OF HAVING LEGAL EXPERTS MEET FIRST  
THREE DAYS, WITH PLENARY COMMENCING ON JANUARY 29 (REFTEL).  
PROBABLE ABSENCE OF OPEC REPRESENTATIVES WOULD PREVENT  
MUCH ACCOMPLISHMENT FIRST DAYS, HOWEVER, AND WFC SECRETARIAT'S  
SECOND THOUGHTS ARE THAT IN EFFECTUAL LEGAL PRELIMINARIES WOULD  
NOT BE GOOD WAY TO OPEN MEETING.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ARE TO BE HELD TUESDAY AFTERNOON,  
INCLUDING ONE WITH MINISTER TUINMAN OF NETHERLANDS, WHO CHAIRS  
OECD/DAC GROUP, AND EFFORT WILL THEN BE MADE TO REACH DEFINITE  
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DECISION. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER WFC VIEWS PROMPTLY TOGETHER

WITH VIEWS ON MEETING AND CONSULTATION TO BE EXPRESSED IN OECD/DAC  
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14, WHICH DEPARTMENT  
AND OTHER WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL WISH TO CONSIDER IN FORMULATING  
TRAVEL PLANS OF DELEGATION. WE ARE MAKING THIS PRELIMINARY  
REPORT BECAUSE IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THERE WILL BE NO MEETING  
ON JANUARY 26-27, AND THAT THIS LIKELIHOOD SHOULD BE CONVEYED  
TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY IN VIEW OF SHORTNESS OF TIME,  
SO THAT MEMBERS OF DELEGATION CAN BE PREPARED TO ADJUST THEIR  
SCHEDULES. PENDING DEFINITE DECISION, WE ARE KEEPING HOTEL  
RESERVATIONS AS THEY WERE. VOLPE

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